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knowing her, that is probably what she would, in her excitement, would pull that tube of lipstick out, but (laughter).... I was visiting, several years ago, with a...with an older lady who was talking about this legislation, years back. And we were at a...we were at a function in a small town, I think it was a fish fry or something like that. And one of her relatives, I think it was her nephew, said, Aunt so-and-so, he said, do you still...do you still have that little pistol? She said, I certainly do. He said, do you still carry that in your purse? She said, I certainly do. And he said, Aunt Ellen, could...do you think, you know, you could really hit something with that? She said, don't try me! She said, I think I could. And knowing that particular lady, yes, I think she probably could. He said, do you know that's against the law? She said, I don't care, 'cause, she said, I know how to protect myself. Maybe she does, maybe she didn't, I don't know. But I would certainly not test her out, I'll tell you that. Once again, the important part of this legislation is the safety factor. Senator Chambers alluded to the fact that maybe everyone should be able to take this course. I would certainly hope so, I would certainly hope that everyone would be able to take this training course. There...you...the...the bill also pertains to other...other people being able to offer the...the training. And, yes, then that would have to be approved by...by the State Patrol, and it would, you know, gun clubs, so on, and their approved instructors. I know of several people in my district who would probably qualify to be an instructor. And one particular individual, I think of right off hand, was a...was a deputy sheriff in...I think in the Los Angeles area for 20 or 25 years. And this is...this was one of his jobs, was to run the training for the handguns, for that county, and a very well qualified person. And just to show you what safety training does with young...younger people, they have what they call a Hunters Safety Training Course; it's very important. I have a grandson who just last...this last fall went through that...went through that...that course, and I took him hunting this...this past hunting season. And we were walking out in the fields with...with...snow was covered over the ground and, you know, I was questioning him about certain things. And I said, Alex, you...you took the Hunters Safety Training Course. I said, you realize that there is a lot of snow on the ground, and you know what would happen if you would happen to get the barrel of that